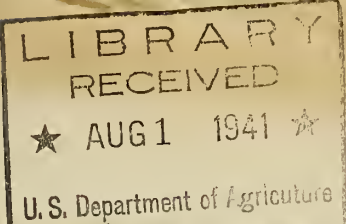


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GENERAL CROP REPORT



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The General Crop Report covering conditions and expected yield of the more important crops was released by the Department of Agriculture yesterday afternoon at exactly 3 o'clock. For the highlights of this report, here's E. J. "Mike" Rowell of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

ROWELL:

This report is based on conditions as of June 1. Let's imagine a line drawn from Cleveland, Ohio southwest to Oklahoma City -- then down through the middle of Texas. East of that line crop conditions were not too good and poor to very poor in some areas - but west of it they're generally excellent. But, for the country as a whole - the condition of crops is about the same as it's been at the beginning of June for the last 3 years. All of these were good crop seasons.

Corn was planted a little earlier than usual and stands are good except in the area south of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers. Some replanting was necessary in the Corn Belt because of cut worm - but for the country as a whole, prospects are reasonably good.

Total wheat production of around 910 million bushels is indicated for the 1941 harvest. Such a crop would be one of the largest ever harvested, with nearly 800 million bushels --- winter wheat.

The condition of the oat crop is about the same as a year ago - and above the 10-year average. The barley harvest is now expected to be about 9 million bushels larger than last year. About 4 million bushels more rye is expected this year. It is quite important to note that stocks of old rye on farms at the beginning of the month were nearly 50 percent larger than on June 1 last year.

The per-acre tonnage of hay is expected to be about average - but less than a year ago. Pastures are not quite as good as last year, but fourth best since 1930. Some sections of the country are much better than others.

Early potato prospects in the 10 Southern States and California are not as good as last year. Production in these districts is indicated at about a million bushels less than last year. Kentucky, Missouri, Virginia, Maryland and Kansas combined probably will have nearly 3 million bushels less than the 1940 crop.

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Growing conditions for most fruit and nut crops were favorable during May. Indications are for larger-than-average harvests of peaches, pears, cherries, California plums, and dried prunes. Apricots below average. Forecasts for other fruits and nuts will not be available until July or later in the season.

The report says that average production of milk per cow was higher than on June 1 in 17 years.

And the number of eggs per 100 hens in farm flocks was at a new high -- in fact, each month this year except April has established a new record. The total number of eggs produced from January 1 to the first of June was the largest on record for that period.

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